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Dear Mr. Limpert,

Would you please forward the enclosed letter to Joe Goulden?

Thanks.

I also enclose a carbon of something I wrote some time ago on the personal relationship I had with the late Senator Richard Russell. It was written for a different purpose but perhaps it may interest you.

I do not mean to suggest a close personal relationship.

But I think it is unusual that as a former member of the Warren Commission he did trust the author of the first book critical of its work.

After the evidence I put in his hands he did break that long friendship with LBJ and did give up his "oversight" responsibilities over the CIA.

One of the two areas of Russell's major disagreements and doubts about the Commission's conclusions involved a story Joe Goulden wrote. No objection to your reading that letter. It was about a rumor that Lee Harvey Oswald had been an FBI or CIA informant. It is for a book I'd started on this that I sued for and in the most bizarre of all Freedom of Information suits finally did obtain the transcript reprinted in the new book and referred to in the letter to Goulden.

The section of this new book dealing with the corruption of the Freedom of Information law by the government and with the details of this suit is, I think, suitable for reprinting in condensation.

One of my four such suits, by the way, was cited by the Senate as requiring amending of the law. You may recall that Ford's veto of these amendments was recently overridden.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg